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USDOC FOR GEORGE B. KEEN, BED/OED

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SUBJ: TRADE COMPLAINT: REXNORD INTERNATIONAL VS HABIB DJAROUEH

REF: USDOC TRANSMITTAL, MAY 10, 1978

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL, EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT
TRADE COMPLAINT WITH REPS OF COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA
(CBS). ALSO SENT LETTER TO HABIB DJAROUEH IN ALEPPO.
DJAROUEH HAS INFORMED US THAT CBS ALEPPO BRANCH NO. 2
HAS TRANSFERRED AMOUNT IN QUESTION TO ITS CORRESPONDENT
BANK, IRVING TRUST OF NEW YORK. TRANSACTION OCCURED
ON MAY 24, 1978. DJAROUEH SENT COPY OF BANK STATEMENT
TESTIFYING TO THIS. EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED WITH CBS
REPS IN DAMASCUS THAT RANNSFER WAS MADE.

2. BECAUSE OF SEVERE FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHORTAGES, CBS
EARLY IN 1977 INITIATED PROCEDURE TO RESTRICT TRANSFERS
OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE ON FOREIGN PURCHASES. AT SAME TIME
CBS ENCOURAGED LOCAL AGENTS TO SEEK FOREIGN CURRENCY
OUTSIDE OFFICIAL BANK CHANNELS IN THE SO-CALLED FREE
MARKET. REGRET THAT THIS PROCEDURE, DESIGNED TO
FACILITATE PAYMENT, FAILED TO DO SO IN THEIS PARTICULAR
CASE.

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3. PLEASE ADVISE IF MONEY RECEIVED BY REXNORD, OR IF
FURTHER ACTION BY EMBASSY REQUIRED.
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